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In re: Application of: Alan WINIG et al.

Serial No.: 10/727,895 Examiner: Unassigned

Filed: 04 December 2003 Group Art Unit: unassigned

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Pursuant to the Duty of Disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56, the materials listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449 are hereby brought to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of each is enclosed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified U.S. patent application and prior to the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits received by Applicants in the above-identified U.S. patent application.

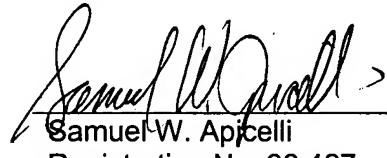
The claimed invention is patentable over the enclosed references. No representations are made regarding the references other than those set forth above.

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The Examiner is requested to acknowledge consideration of the information provided in this paper in accordance with prescribed procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

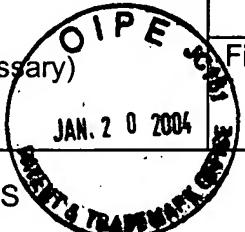
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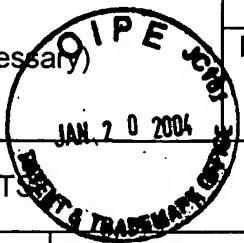
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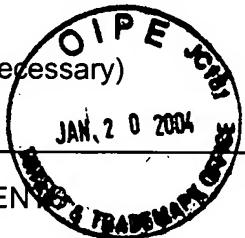
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Please find enclosed for filing:

- Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and references.
- Should any fees be incurred please debit Deposit Account No. 04-1679.
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